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**KARI FREDRICKSON TO PRESENT BOOK TALK ON MARCH 29 AT 12:00 PM
*DEEP SOUTH DYNASTY: THE BANKHEADS OF ALABAMA***



Montgomery, AL (03/24/2022) – On **Tuesday, March 29 at 12:00 pm CT**, author Kari Fredrickson will present a book talk on her recent publication ***Deep South Dynasty: The Bankheads of Alabama*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH). The program will be presented in-person in the ADAH's Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. It will also livestream through the ADAH's Facebook page www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchives and YouTube channel www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives.

Deep South Dynasty: The Bankheads of Alabama tells the multi-generational story of one of the state's most important families of the twentieth century. From Reconstruction through the beginning of the nuclear age, the Bankheads were architects of the political, economic, and cultural framework of Alabama and the greater South.

University of Alabama professor of history Kari Frederickson traces the careers of five members of the family—the political colossus John Hollis Bankhead; his sons, John Hollis Bankhead Jr. and William Brockman Bankhead; his daughter, second director of the ADAH Marie Bankhead Owen (pictured); and his granddaughter, actress Tallulah Brockman Bankhead. Frederickson's research of this powerful southern family is a sweeping and complex story of the region and its relationship with the wider world over the course of eight decades.

Copies of *Deep South Dynasty* are available for purchase in the ADAH's online Museum Store, *Alabama Original* www.shopalabamaoriginal.com.

For additional information call (334) 353-4636. A recording of the book talk will be available on the ADAH's YouTube channel shortly after the presentation at www.youtube.com/AlabamaArchives.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across Washington Avenue from the State Capitol. The ADAH is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The EBSCO Research Room is closed on Mondays. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

Photo above: Marie Bankhead Owen extended her family's cultural power during her thirty-five year tenure as director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Frederickson examines how Marie, through her position and work with groups like the United Daughters of the Confederacy, embraced and disseminated a historical narrative steeped in Lost Cause mythology that validated the power and privilege of elite white southerners.

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